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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID: FEMA-2016-0010; OMB No. 1660-0017

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request;

Public Assistance Program.

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on an extension, without change, of a currently approved information collection. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice seeks comments concerning information collected for the Public Assistance (PA) program eligibility determinations, grants management, and compliance with Federal laws and regulations.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: To avoid duplicate submissions to the docket, please use only one of the following means to submit comments:

- Online. Submit comments at <u>www.regulations.gov</u> under Docket ID FEMA-2016-0010. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- (2) <u>Mail.</u> Submit written comments to Docket Manager, Office of Chief Counsel, DHS/FEMA, 500 C Street, SW., 8NE, Washington, DC 20472-3100.

All submissions received must include the agency name and Docket ID. Regardless of the method used for submitting comments or material, all submissions will be posted, without change, to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at http://www.regulations.gov, and will include any personal information you provide. Therefore, submitting this information makes it public. You may wish to read the Privacy Act notice that is available via the link in the footer of www.regulations.gov. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cliff Brown, Executive Officer, Recovery Directorate, Public Assistance Division, 202-646-4136. You may contact the Records Management Division for copies of the proposed collection of information at email address: FEMA-Information-Collections-Management@fema.dhs.gov. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5207 (the Stafford Act), authorizes grants to assist State, Tribal, and local governments and certain Private Non-Profit entities with the response to and recovery from disasters following Presidentially declared major disasters and emergencies. 44 CFR Part 206 specifies the information collections necessary to facilitate the provision of assistance under the PA Program. 44 CFR 206.202 describes the general application procedures for the PA program.

Collection of Information

<u>Title:</u> Public Assistance Program.

Type of Information Collection: Extension, without change, of a currently approved information collection.

OMB Number: 1660-0017.

FEMA Forms: FEMA Form FEMA Form -009-0-49 Request for Public

Assistance; FEMA Form 009-0-91 Project Worksheet (PW); FEMA Form 009-0-91A

Project Worksheet (PW) - Damage Description and Scope of Work Continuation Sheet;

FEMA Form 009-0-91B Project Worksheet (PW) - Cost Estimate Continuation Sheet;

FEMA Form 009-0-91C Project Worksheet (PW) - Maps and Sketches Sheet; FEMA

Form 009-0-91D Project Worksheet (PW)- Photo Sheet; FEMA Form 009-0-120 Special

Considerations Questions; FEMA Form 009-0-121 PNP Facility Questionnaire; FEMA

Form 009-0-123 Force Account Labor Summary Record; FEMA Form 009-0-124

Materials Summary Record; FEMA Form 009-0-125 Rented Equipment Summary

Record; FEMA Form 009-0-126 Contract Work Summary Record; FEMA Form 009-0-127 Force Account Equipment Summary Record; FEMA Form 009-0-128 Applicant's

Benefits Calculation Worksheet; FEMA Form 009-0-111, Quarterly Progress Reports and

FEMA Form 055-0-0-1, Request for Arbitration resulting from Dispute Resolution Pilot

Program.

<u>Abstract:</u> The information collected is utilized by FEMA to make determinations for Public Assistance grants based on the information supplied by the respondents.

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 976.

Number of Responses: 346,960.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 359,186.

Estimated Cost: The estimated annual cost to respondents for the hour burden is \$19,625,807. There are no record keeping, capital, start-up or maintenance costs

associated with this information collection. The cost to the Federal Government is

\$750,458.

Comments

Comments may be submitted as indicated in the ADDRESSES caption above.

Comments are solicited to (a) evaluate whether the proposed data collection is necessary

for the proper performance of the agency, including whether the information shall have

practical utility; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the

proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and

assumptions used; (c) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be

collected; and (d) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are

to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical,

or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology,

e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

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